Closure of Ferro Chrome Plant in Orissa

*312. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ferro Chrome Plant at Jajpur Road in Orissa has been closed down;

(b) if so, since when and the reasons for closure of the plant;

(c) the number of workers thrown/out of employment due to closure of the plant;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to revive the plant; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Ferro Chrome Plant of Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Limited (IDCOL), at Jajpur Road in Orissa is in operation as on date. The operation of the Plant was temporarily stopped from 28.4.2001 to 22.6.2001, in view of the rising cost of production, huge inventory of finished goods and falling market rate for Ferro Chrome.

(c) to (e) Dot not arise, in view of (a) and (b) above.

Development of Urban Slums

*313. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of persons living in city slums of the country is increasing rapidly and constantly;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to deal with the problem arising due to increase in slums in the country; and

(c) the amount of money spent by Government for the development of slums during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The implementation and development of slums is a State subject and

State Governments formulate specific plans, programmes and schemes for development of slums in various cities as per their priorities and make necessary provisions therefor in their respective State Plans. However, with a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the slums a programme known as National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) was sponsored at the National level in August, 1996 to provide Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to the States/ UTs for the development of urban slums. Prior to this the Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS) which was initially operative since 1972 had its scope enlarged in 1974 and was made an integral part of the Minimum Need Programme and finally transferred to the State Sector in April, 1974.

(c) The amount released by the Union Government as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) under National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) for the development of slums to the States/UTs during the last five years is given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI. No.	Year	Amount released by the Union
1.	1996-97	25001.00
2.	1997-98	29099.00
3.	1998-99	35357.44
4.	1999-2000	39189.50
5.	2000-2001	24153,07
	Total	152800.01

Duty Roster of Doctors in CGHS Dispensary, Gurgaon

*314. SHRIMATI S AVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in CGHS dispensary no. 73, (Gurgaon) only one doctor performs the evening duty and that too many a times he is not available for hours;

(b) whether any duty roster is being maintained for the evening shift and whether the same is being followed;